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To: Council; PCD
Subject: SMP 'Revision'

I have been sitting on the sideline, waiting for logic and reason to prevail in what up until now has been a completely biased process with a preconceived notion of what the SMP revision should do. Neither new legislation clarifying the issue nor lack of scientific support for the extreme solutions to imaginary problems now proposed has stopped environmental extremists in their rush to make other people pay for their Utopian vision.

Will Bainbridge ever learn that passing patently unfair land use regulations will lead to a massive legal bill (any we will lose) and that there is much more to be gained by solutions that engage those who bear the brunt of the regulations? I'll take that deafening silence for a no.

In the meantime, this 20 year BI resident and waterfront property owner is not amused. I haven't paid \$140,000 in property taxes over that period to have my property, already down 35% in value from its peak, further devalued by feel good regulations that will not accomplish any of the goals set forth by the SMP, since it will not solve the real problems that exist, namely, Roads, Roads, Roads and the huge quantities of pollutants that wash off of them right into the Sound. Why don't you solve that one first? Oh, I know. Because EVERYBODY on BI would have to pay for that fix. The one you're so excited about will only be paid for by a small minority. Democracy in action.

I don't realistically expect this letter to have any effect. Religious zealots will have their way, whether burning down UW buildings, destroying the World Trade Center, or stoning women to death. Environmentalism is just another extreme religion, operating on the basis of faith in 'scripture' that is NOT supported by science that any reasonable person would recognize. Peer based review means nothing when all your peers believe the same things. Environmental science has become an oxymoron.

Specifically, with regard to the SMP revisions, I ask that you:

1. Protect our shoreline by using the "No Net Loss" standard;
2. Do not rezone the 40% of shoreline to Residential Conservancy;
3. Do not apply vegetation buffers to existing developments making them Nonconforming;
4. Continue to authorize bulkheads to protect both land (front yards) and homes;
5. Continue to permit docks on the outside of the Island.

And get working on the roads and ditches on Bainbridge, if you really want to help with the health of Puget Sound.

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